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Statement on CBS 5's segment on "Medical marijuana going to young and healthy"

FLORENCE, AZ (5/16/13) – In response to the story entitled "Medical marijuana going to young and healthy" featured on CBS 5, KPHO Broadcasting Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles released the following statement:

"This reporter's investigation reveals the reality of the situation we now face in Arizona. According to the story on CBS 5, qualifying cardholders claiming severe and chronic pain account for 90% of all cardholders, 18-30-year-olds represent the largest demographic holding medical marijuana cards, and nearly half are under 40-years-old. The implementation of Arizona's Medical Marijuana Program encourages organized crime in our communities and enables recreational use of a Schedule One substance. Doctors recommending and providing marijuana, when there is no federally recognized and accepted medicinal use, and owners of dispensaries and cultivation sites subject themselves to potential prosecution."

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